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COVERAGE OF FARMERS UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minimum Support Price covers barely 20 per cent of farmers in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the coverage of farmers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of such additional coverage of farmers;

(d) whether other crops are likely to be brought under the MSP scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(e): Under the Minimum Support Price Scheme 25 crops are included and allfarmers growing these crops are eligible to take advantage of the scheme. These 25 crops cover about 82 per cent of the total sown area. Lentil (Masur) was included under the MSP scheme from 2000-01 crop and it has been decided to include Peas under the MSP scheme from 2001-02 crop.